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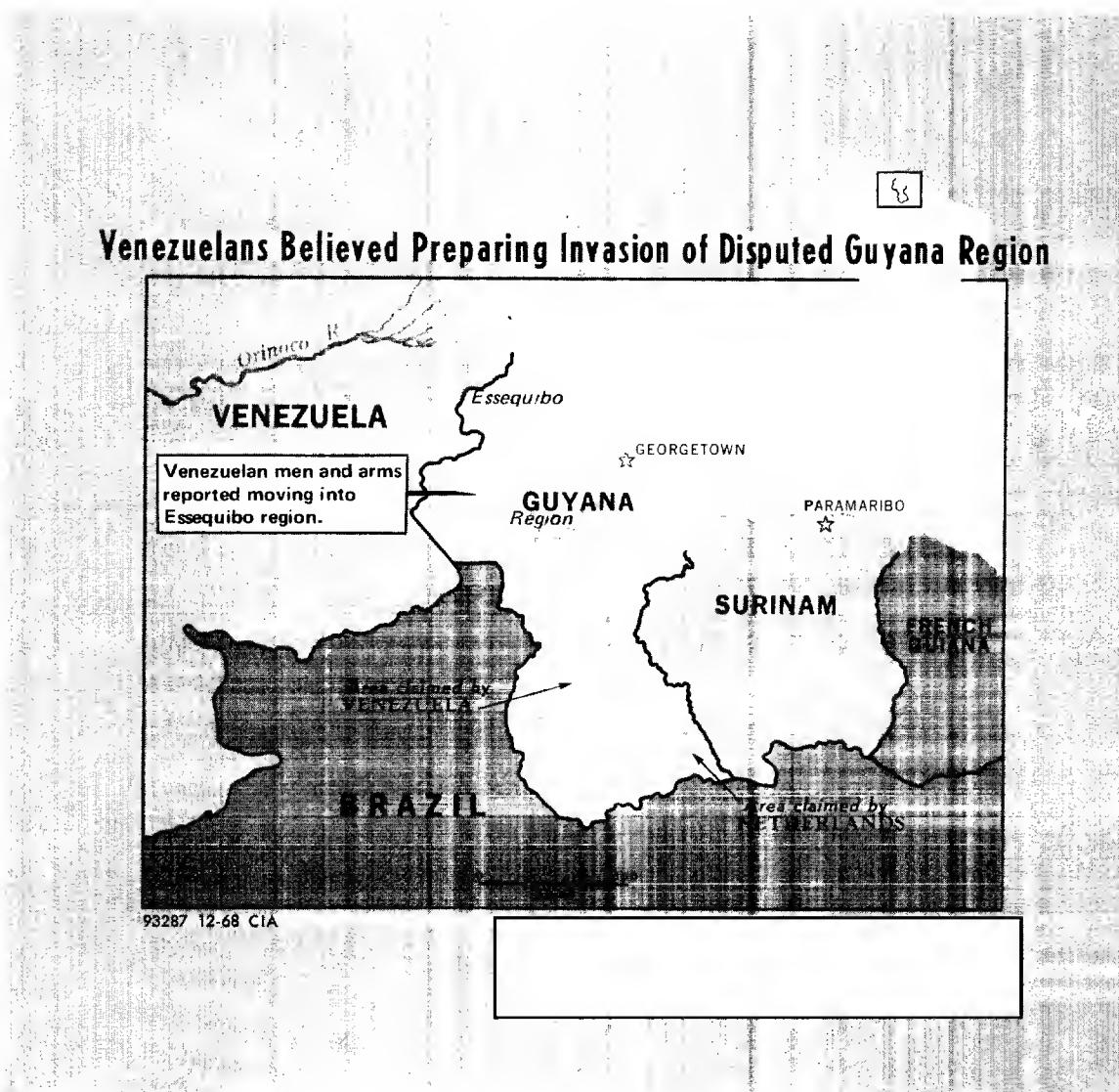
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VENEZUELA-GUYANA: VENEZUELA MAY BE PREPARING TO INVADE THE ESSEQUIBO REGION OF GUYANA.

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[REDACTED] ARMS AND MEN ARE BEING MOVED INTO THE AREA IN PREPARATION FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST GUYANA.

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VENEZUELA CLAIMS THE ESSEQUIBO REGION AND MAY USE A TRUMPED-UP AMERINDIAN REBELLION AGAINST GUYANESE AUTHORITY AS A PRETEXT TO SEIZE THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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THE VENEZUELANS WOULD MOVE IN RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE GUYANESE AMERINDIANS, BUT THE PLANNED NATURE OF VENEZUELAN SUPPORT REMAINS UNCLEAR. THE VENEZUELANS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE PRESIDENT-ELECT CALDERA IS INAUGURATED IN MARCH. [REDACTED]

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THE GUYANESE DEFENSE FORCE COULD NOT DEFEND ITS BORDER IN THE EVENT THAT VENEZUELAN TROOPS WERE INVOLVED IN ANY NUMBER. [REDACTED]

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